

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An apparatus comprising:
a movable barrier operator including a controller for controlling movement of a movable barrier; and
a network interface electronically connected to the controller for connecting the controller to a network;
wherein the network interface responds to requests received on the network by sending a status of the movable barrier over the network and;
wherein the network interface receives a status change request from the network and the controller responds to the status change request by moving the barrier.
2. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a push button control unit for the movable barrier operator.
3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2 further comprising a serial interface between the push button control unit and the network interface.
4. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a modem coupled to the network interface.
5. (Original) The apparatus of claim 4 wherein the modem is a cable modem.
6. (Original) The apparatus of claim 4 wherein the modem is a DSL modem.

7. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the network interface is connected to a home digital network.

8. (Currently amended) A method for checking the status of a movable barrier comprising the steps of:

receiving from a network client over a network, a status request for a movable barrier;

determining a status of the movable barrier; **and**

sending a status of the movable barrier over the network to the network client in response to the status request and;

wherein the movable barrier comprises a barrier movement operator for controlling the movement of the barrier and the method comprises receiving a status change request from the network client and controlling movement of the barrier in response to the status change request.

9. (Original) A method of claim 8 further comprising the step of receiving access authorizing information from the network client.

10. (Original) A method of claim 8 further comprising the step of retrieving from a memory a web page in response to the receiving step.

11. (Original) A method of claim 8 wherein the status of the movable barrier is open.

12. (Original) A method of claim 8 wherein the status of the movable barrier is closed.

13. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein the network client is a computer.

14. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein the network client is a personal digital assistant.

15. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein the network client is a cellular telephone.

16. (Currently amended) An apparatus comprising:
a barrier status ~~monitor-identifier~~ coupled to a movable barrier; and
a network interface electronically connecting the barrier status monitor ~~identifier~~ to a network;
a controller coupled to the network interface and the moveable barrier;
wherein the network interface responds to network conveyed requests by sending a status of the movable barrier over the network in response to a request for the status of the movable barrier; and
wherein the network interface receives a status change request from the network and the controller responds to the status change request by moving the barrier.

17. (Original) The apparatus of claim 16 wherein the status monitor is wirelessly connected to the network interface.

18. (Original) The apparatus of claim 16 further comprising a modem coupled to the network interface.

19. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the network interface is connected to a home digital network.

20. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the network interface is a TCP/IP network interface.

21. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the network interface couples the controller to the Internet.

22. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 18 comprising an arrangement for establishing authorization for requested ~~for~~ status.

23. (Original) The apparatus of claim 13 wherein the status of the movable barrier is displayed on a monitor of the computer.

24. (Cancelled)

25. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 comprising an arrangement for establishing authorization for received status change requests.

26. (Cancelled)

27. (Currently amended) A method in accordance with claim ~~8~~ 26 comprising receiving authorizing information from the network client before controlling movement of the barrier in response to the status change request.